

– **Petition** –

To the Honourable Municipal Council of the city of Kamloops Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents states that:

Kamloops Citizens demand a voice to express concerns on city council decisions and other issues.

Petition to the Municipal Mayor in Council, Hammer Jackson, assembled, WHEREAS

Citizens want a commitment that the Municipal Council, will uphold citizen rights and provide Kamloopians a voice.

- Given the actions of the municipal government's failure to facilitate a venue for Citizens to actively voice their individual concerns in person at council meetings;
- Given that the BC Government www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca has outlined mandates in Part 4 – Public Participation and Council Accountability of the Community Charter on Accountability and Public Input in which Kamloops Municipality has failed to comply;
- Given the City of Kamloops claims to be open to community engagement where you can contribute ideas and feedback on City Matters – but is a closed, controlled and directed venue to comment on “selected topics”;
- Given that the City of Kamloops claims to have a strong, accountable governance and makes informed decisions – but does not allow an open floor for citizens to voice concerns nor a venue for a voice;
- Implementing a Canadian Municipality government is an extension of a Democratic process in that under a Democracy the people direct the government what to do – it is not intended to be an Authoritarian form of government where a small group or “Elite” make all decisions without citizen participation;
- According to the city of Vancouver website <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/city-council-meetings-and-decisions.aspx> the Vancouverite Citizens are given an active voice to speak at a meeting in person or by phone – whereas the City of Kamloops fails to be open, diverse and inclusive;
- Kamloops City Facebook page online is not a viable means to Democratically consult with Constituents;
- In City Councillors receipt of a paycheque one must realize this is not a license to dictate how city tax revenue is to be spent – in a Democracy it is the people who instruct how we want our money to be spent;
- Technological innovations exist in which Citizens could vote on issues right from their smart phone and should be adopted by municipalities to build a truly open Democracy – authoritarian systems like China and the centralized power structure vision the United Nations and World Economic Forum is offensive and is completely rejected by Canadians;
- Accountability claims of the Kamloops City Council is questionable without the ability for Citizens to voice freely their concerns and ideas there cannot be accountability and these claims are not legitimate;
- Citizens of Kamloops are not willing to hand over our sovereign Democratic right to have a voice in our local government – in lieu of a private controlled closed-door Council;
- Kamloops Citizens want a public statement from the City Council, that they will build an inclusive and diverse Town Hall Meeting evening venue where Citizens can voice their concerns and ideas in person and via phone just like Vancouver has forthright;

We, the undersigned citizens and residents call upon the City Council to:

*1. Desist implementing the non-inclusive closed door Municipal politics and create an inclusive open **Council** meeting where citizens can voice their concerns on any topic they choose;*

*2. Call upon the **City Council**, to publicly commit to uphold the rights of Citizens to an open and diverse local Municipal government;*

*3. Call upon all **City Councillors** to follow Canadian Law and follow the Community Charter;*

Citizens feel our government has been following a foreign corporate unconstitutional agenda and demand the laws of Canada be followed instead.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

First and Last Name	Address, City and Province	Signature